

# Squannacook Greenways, Inc.

## Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 13, 2017

Attending:

Mark Cram, Peter Cunningham, Ray Jackson, Don Klein, Steve Meehan, Cedwyn Morgan, Bill Rideout, Joan Wotkowicz

### Construction planning

Mark is collecting new quotes. The total budget still appears to be less than \$150K. Bill and Mark will try to set up meetings with contractors.

We may need to speak with the Townsend Town Administrator to reopen discussion about a sidewalk in Townsend Harbor.

### Environmental permit application

We have one letter documenting construction access, but additional letters are needed. Bill and Steve are working on obtaining additional written documentation.

### DCR grant preparations

Joan verified with Amanda Lewis of DCR that an assessment is required to get grant funding for real estate purchase. She contacted Elizabeth Anderson, a state-certified assessor, for more information. Cedwyn and Peter Cunningham will send Joan contact information for other certified appraisers.

### Motorized vehicle issues

Steve sent an email to Jennifer Petit in support of signage to warn against disrupting turtle habitat.

### Fundraising

Bill has been working on a letter to send out to local businesses about inscribing their name on the two granite pillars.

### Fall trail walk

Joan contacted Al Futterman and Bill Wilkinson, the Townsend representative on the Wild and Scenic Rivers study committee, who expressed

interest in collaborating on a public walk. This will be a combined rail trail and river walk.

Joan will ask them what weekend works best, giving them choices of Sat Oct 28, Sun Nov 5, or Sun Nov 12th. Tentative time will be 1:00. She will ask if they can announce the walk via the NRWA mailing list. We can route the walk along side trails down to the river, as by Harbor Village, and make handouts/maps showing points along the river. Joan will inform the board of the date as soon as available.

### Other Business

Barbeque at the Rideout house on Sunday, September 24, starting at 3:00 with a bike ride. Bill will have hamburgers and hot dogs; bring beverages and snacks. Spouses and significant others are invited.

The Coalition for Recreational Trails Council of Advisors inquired if we will re-commit our membership. They advocate for the trails grant at the federal level. A motion to renew our support was seconded and passed unanimously.

Steve sent a thank-you letter to Sterilite for moving their trailers away from the railroad tracks.

### Review meeting minutes

Minutes from the board of directors meeting on August 16, 2017 were approved unanimously with two abstentions.

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### Next Meeting

Squannacook Greenways will hold our next rail trail meeting on **Wednesday, October 18 at 7:00 P.M.** at the **Groton Legion**.

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Respectfully submitted,

Joan Wotkowicz

Clerk

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